

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 10, I was unavoidably detained due to my involvement in the Maryland primary. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: "Aye," on rollcall No. 378, on motion to close portions of the conference on H.R. 5010; "Aye," on rollcall No. 379, on motion that the House instruct conferees on H.R. 3210; "Aye," on rollcall No. 380, on agreeing to the Journal; "Aye," on rollcall No. 381, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 513; "Aye," on rollcall No. 382, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H.R. 3880; and "Aye," on rollcall No. 383, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Con. Res. 320.

STATUE DONATED IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the city of Leidschendam-Voorburg in the Netherlands for their act of friendship towards their sister city, Temecula, California.

As a way to express their sentiments of sorrow and sympathy for the events that occurred on September 11th, the citizens of Voorburg have graciously donated the statue "Singing in the Rain," by Frans Kokshoorn to the city of Temecula. The residents of Voorburg donated thousands of dollars to have this statue built and shipped to Temecula for its installation on this day of remembrance.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the events of one year ago, I would like to join the city of Temecula in thanking the city and citizens of Leidschendam-Voorburg for this genuine gesture of kindness during a difficult time for every American.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH SECURITY ACT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge support for The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Security Act.

The National Institutes of Health, founded in 1887, is one of the world's foremost medical research centers, and the Federal focal point for medical research in the U.S. Comprised of 27 separate components, mainly Institutes and Centers, NIH has in excess of 75 buildings on more than 300 acres in Bethesda, Maryland.

The research centers at NIH study some of the most infectious diseases in the world, including anthrax, smallpox and West Nile virus, as well as nuclear waste and radioactive material. Unfortunately, because of the work NIH

does, they present a prime target for terrorists that wish to do America harm. Therefore, it must be a paramount goal of this Congress to ensure that NIH can protect itself against an attack. Presently, NIH does not have the ability to do so.

After September 11, Congress authorized the 322-acre biomedical research facility to bolster its security by doubling its police ranks from 64 officers to 108. This decision was made by U.S. intelligence experts who determined that the NIH campus is vulnerable and a potential target for terrorist attack and/or infiltration and theft of protected materials and research. Unfortunately, the force has never reached such heights due to its current pay and retirement system.

NIH police are one of the lowest paid in the Washington-Metropolitan area. The minimum salary for NIH police, \$26,415, falls thousands short of what's offered by some federal agencies, and even by some local police departments. Making matters worse, NIH police are not classified as federal "law enforcement officers," and are thereby denied the superior retirement benefits that distinction affords. The result is in low retention of officers and difficulty with recruitment. Without retirements included, there exists a 77 percent attrition rate at NIH yearly. Currently, the force has faced such problems with officer retention and recruitment that by June, its numbers had dwindled to about 50.

Due to the severity of the situation and the resources that NIH protects, I am introducing legislation that would allow NIH to bolster its security force. This bill would add no additional costs to the federal government, it would simply allow some long overdue flexibility to be used by NIH. This would include:

Making NIH Police "Federal Law Enforcement Officers," which allows their officers who are doing the same essential work as other "law enforcement officers" to receive commensurate salaries and retirement pay.

Allowing NIH police to carry firearms, serve warrants and subpoenas, and make arrests without warrant for any offense against the U.S.

Conducting investigations within the U.S. for offenses committed on property occupied by NIH.

Without these changes, we are undoubtedly allowing a prime target to remain vulnerable to terrorists. Protecting the 4-million square foot research hospital, the third largest federal building in the world, must be a priority of this Congress and I urge support for this legislation.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SHAYNA L. SMITH

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Shayna Smith has devoted herself to education during her enrollment at Wheeling Jesuit University; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith has spent countless hours in the pursuit of academic excellence; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthu-

siasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in graduating from Wheeling Jesuit University;

Therefore, I join the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Shayna Smith as she receives her Bachelor of Science from Wheeling Jesuit University Scout Award.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BOB STANLEY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a constituent of mine, Mr. Bob Stanley. I am proud to recognize Mr. Stanley for more than twenty years of devoted service to the trucking industry and the state of West Virginia.

For the last nineteen years, Mr. Stanley has been the Managing Director and President of the West Virginia Motor Truck Association. During his prestigious years as President, Mr. Stanley has built an organization that is financially strong and well respected throughout the state of West Virginia. As a voice for the trucking industry, he is also highly respected and regarded as a true professional and gentleman.

Prior to his employment in the trucking industry, Mr. Stanley served twenty-six years with the West Virginia State Police. In 1979, Bob Stanley retired as Lt. Colonel/Deputy Superintendent.

It is an honor to commend Mr. Stanley on his service to the trucking industry as well as to the state of West Virginia.

HONORING SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT BILL CIRONE

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools, Bill Cirone. I have known Bill for many years, dating back to the days when I was a school nurse in the Santa Barbara County schools, and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to honor him today.

On October 3, 2002, the Emmaus of Santa Barbara will present the 2002 Richard Breza Service to Santa Barbara Award to Bill Cirone. I can think of no more deserving person than Bill to receive this award, as he has served Santa Barbara County Schools for the past 20 years in his position as Superintendent. Bill has created the nationally acclaimed Santa Barbara "Center for Community Education and Citizen Participation" and has constantly emphasized the importance of community service in our schools. Bill has served on the board of directors or advisory committees for many organizations, including the University of California at Santa Barbara Gevirtz Research Center, the National Association of Partners in